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From: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 10:51 AM
To: PortlandHarbor
Subject: FW: Get the Poison out of our River

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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016. Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: KnowWho Services [mailto:noreply@knowwho.services]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 3:33 PM
To: HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>
Subject: Get the Poison out of our River

Dear Portland Harbor Cleanup Public Comments,

Dear Ms. McCarthy and Members of Congress,

The proposed cleanup of Portland Harbor is a big win for industry and a bad deal for the public. EPA's cleanup proposal tackles just 8% of a site area that is 100% toxic.

The Portland Harbor is one of the largest Superfund sites in the country, contaminated with carcinogenic dioxins, pesticides and PCBs from decades of industrial pollution. People are advised to avoid eating fish that live in the Portland Harbor because it could lead to health problems.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed a cleanup plan, but the plan is inadequate. Just 8% of the contaminated sediment would be removed, and disposed along the side of the river, and covered. It's a cover-up, not a cleanup.

A more aggressive plan is needed to prevent even more harm to human health and the environment. On behalf of all people who rely on the river for food, recreation, employment and culture, I urge the EPA to implement a plan that:

- Moves quickly and sustainably reduces contaminants causing harm to Willamette and Columbia River resources
- Includes ongoing monitoring and cleanup upriver and downriver from the site
- Contributes to healthy fish that are safe to eat for all people
- Holds polluters accountable for creating a safer Portland Harbor

These elements get us closer to the plan our communities deserve.
And I deserve a clean, safe Portland Harbor.

Sincerely,

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